

TEAM MEMBER

Short-Term Missions Manual



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New International Version (NIV), New Living Translation (NLT),
or the New King James Version (NKJV) of the Bible.*

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Dear Fellow Worker,

What an exciting day to serve the Lord! Opportunities for service in World Missions are available like never before in history. In our own church, God is raising up an army of volunteers who lovingly give of their time and resources for the cause of Christ across the street and around the world. As you pray about serving on a FGBC mission team, you are considering just one of the avenues available for enlistment in this worldwide army; this is one opportunity that I personally consider to be the most rewarding and life changing. You see, I am a product of a serving on a short-term mission team. God began to turn my heart towards missions during my years of Seminary when He led me to serve in Africa for 21 days. While on that trip, God gave me a much bigger picture of the world and His love. Later, when God led me into the pastorate, He rekindled those feelings from that first short-term trip and challenged me as a Pastor to involve our church in reaching the world with the Gospel.

As you consider team membership, let me encourage you to fast and pray before our Almighty Father, who will not allow you to mistake His call if you stay close to Him. I believe you will experience a call to this mission team, much the same way Jesus called His disciples and sent them on their very first short-term project in Mark 6:7. I know you will grow closer and closer to God in a tremendous way through this process.

Please read the contents of this packet thoroughly and keep it with you throughout the team preparation time. It will answer many questions you may have. After the team has been selected and begins to meet regularly, you will receive much more project-specific information from your team leader which you can add to this material.

I praise God for your willingness to serve Him on a short-term project. May He richly bless you and keep you during these exciting days!

Blessings,

Pastor Ronnie

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. Hebrews 6:10

APPLICATION FOR SHORT TERM MISSIONS

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date _____

Present Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone # – Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Email Address _____

Permanent Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number (____) _____

Date of Birth _____ Social Security Number _____

Citizenship _____ Country of Birth _____

Passport Number _____ /Expiration Date _____ / _____

City and State Where Issued _____

Name as It Appears on Passport _____

Male Female

Marital Status (please check one)

Single Married Separated Divorced Engaged Widowed Annulled Divorced & Remarried

Spouse's Name _____

Names & Ages of Children _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____ Relationship to You _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number – Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Parent(s) Name(s): (If you are under 18 years old or living at home) _____

Have you talked with your parents about Short Term Ministry? Yes _____ No _____

Are they supportive? Yes _____ No _____ If no, please explain _____

FIELD

Name of Mission Project _____ Team Leader _____

Dates of the Project _____ Field Assignment (Country) _____

Please describe the ministry you will have on the field (What is the purpose of the trip) _____

Please indicate any foreign language training, special skills; talents or Christian service experience that you feel may be helpful on the field

Have you read the Support Raising Guidelines for your Short Term trip? Yes _____ No _____

What is your total dollar amount for this trip? _____

Please list Missions experience:

Country

Mission Organization

Dates

Ministry

INVOLVEMENT

Church Membership: () Flint-Groves Baptist Church () Other Church _____

How long have you been a member? _____ List the ministries with which you have been involved at your church, including time of involvement with any leadership positions held _____

How would you describe your daily relationship with Jesus Christ? _____

List the ministries with which you have been involved outside of your church, including time of involvement with any leadership positions held _____

What are your spiritual gifts? _____

In what areas of your life have you seen spiritual growth? _____

Have you had training in personal evangelism? Yes _____ No _____ Please explain _____

REFERENCES

Please provide two references. One reference should be a church pastor or department director in a ministry in which you serve. The other reference should be someone who knows your ministry abilities as well as your strengths and weaknesses.

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number – Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

Name _____ Relationship _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone Number – Home (____) _____ Work (____) _____

TESTIMONY

In the space provided below, please share your salvation testimony. Please include how long you have been a believer, how you were saved, and describe your walk with the Lord at the present time.

Briefly describe why God is calling you to participate on this trip. _____

What do you see as your role on this ministry team?

ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

ACTIVITY INFORMATION

(To be completed by the activity sponsor)

Name of sponsoring organization: **Flint-Groves Baptist Church**

Address: **2017 East Ozark Ave Gastonia, NC 28054**

Telephone: **704-865-4068**

Name of Team Leader: _____

Telephone: _____

Description of activity: _____

Date(s) and location of activity: _____

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

(To be completed by participant or an authorized guardian)

Name of participant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Name of emergency contact: _____

Telephone: _____

(Day)

(Evening)

Is sponsor authorized to approve medical treatment? _____

Yes

No

Is participant covered by personal/family medical insurance? _____

Yes

No

If yes, name the insurer: _____

Policy or group number: _____

How would you describe your present health? _____

() Excellent

() Good () Average

() Poor

Please state any major illness (es) you have had in the last five years _____

Are you presently under the care of a physician? _____

() Yes

() No

If yes, please explain _____

Please list any medication you are taking _____

Please list any allergies you have _____

Please explain any physical challenges that you may face on this ministry trip _____

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

By signing below, the participant (or parent/guardian if participant is a minor) acknowledges and accepts the risks of physical injury associated with participation in the activity described above. Except for gross negligence on the part of the sponsor, the participant (or parent/guardian) accepts personal financial responsibility for any bodily or personal injury sustained during the activity. Further, the participant (or parent/guardian) promises to hold harmless the sponsoring organization and its representatives for any injury related to the activity.

If a dispute over this agreement or any claim for damages arises, the participant (or parent/guardian) agrees to resolve the matter through a mutually acceptable arbitration process.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

(Participant or parent/guardian if participant is a minor)

Passport Procedures

Flint-Groves Baptist Church

APPLICATION FOR NEW PASSPORT

You can pick up a Passport Application at a local Post Office. It can take 6-8 weeks to receive your passport, so it is vital that you begin working on your passport as soon as possible.

The applicant must appear before a local, designated passport acceptor (usually a postmaster or clerk of the court) for the signing and witnessing of the application. The closest designated acceptor to Flint-Groves is:

Main Post Office
301 West Main Ave.
Gastonia, NC 28052

Monday-Friday – 10am-Noon, 1-3pm
704-867-6312
*You MUST call for an appointment

The applicant must submit the following:

2 Passport photos
dimension 2” x 2” (these can be taken at the post office or at a passport office for \$15.00 or other photo shops)

Payment
See chart

State birth certificate
This must be State certified with a raised, embossed seal. A copy or hospital record of birth will not be accepted by the passport department

Photo identification is required
i.e.: Drivers License

Photos, fee, state birth certificate and your completed application will be collected by your local passport acceptor and placed in a sealed envelope, which they will forward to your nearest official passport office. You should receive your passport and birth certificate within 25 business days of receipt of completed application. To expedite, pay an additional \$60 for guaranteed processing within 3 business days. Send it next-day mail both ways

Once you receive your passport:

After receiving your passport from the US Passport Office, place it in a safe location. In some cases, you may be required to turn in your passport to the Flint Groves Baptist Church Missions Department. The Missions Department will handle your visas for you, if necessary, after you turn in the appropriate forms.

For ages 16 and older: Your passport will be valid for 10 years

For minors under 16: Your passport will be valid for 5 years



UNITED STATES PASSPORT FEES

ADULT APPLICANTS (Age 16 Years and Older) *Please see [Special Requirements for Adult Applicants.](#)*

What are you applying for?	Use Form	Application Fee	Acceptance Fee (Execution Fee)	Total	
First-time Adult Passport Book	<u>DS-11</u>	\$110	+	\$25 =	\$135
First-time Adult Passport Card A passport card is valid only for travel by land and by sea to the following locations: Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.	<u>DS-11</u>	\$30	+	\$25 =	\$55
First-time Adult Passport Book & Card	<u>DS-11</u>	\$140	+	\$25 =	\$165
Adult Passport Card For applicants who currently have a valid passport book.	<u>DS-82</u>	\$30		Not Required	\$30

ADULT RENEWALS (Age 16 Years and Older) *Please see [Special Requirements for Adult Renewals.](#)*

What are you renewing?	Use Form	Application Fee	Acceptance Fee (Execution Fee)	Total	
Adult Passport Book	<u>DS-82</u>	\$110		Not Required	\$110
Adult Passport Card A passport card is valid only for travel by land and by sea to the following locations: Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.	<u>DS-82</u>	\$30		Not Required	\$30
Adult Passport Book & Card	<u>DS-82</u>	\$140		Not Required	\$140

ALL MINOR APPLICANTS (Under Age 16) *Please see [Special Requirements for Children Under Age 16.](#)*

What are you applying for?	Use Form	Application Fee	Acceptance Fee (Execution Fee)	Total	
Minor Passport Book	<u>DS-11</u>	\$80	+	\$25 =	\$105
Minor Passport Card A passport card is valid only for travel by land and by sea to the following locations: Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean.	<u>DS-11</u>	\$15	+	\$25 =	\$40
Minor Passport Book & Card	<u>DS-11</u>	\$95	+	\$25 =	\$120

OTHER FEES

Expedite Fee	Paid per application, in addition to required fees. Provides faster processing than routine service. Click here for current processing times.	\$60
Overnight Delivery	Paid per application for overnight delivery of an issued passport book from the Department of State to the customer. Only applies to mailing addresses within the United States. Not valid for passport cards.	\$14.85
Visa Pages	Additional pages added to a valid passport book using Form DS-4085 .	\$82
File Search Fee	A file search is necessary when an applicant is unable to present evidence of U.S. citizenship or verification of a previously issued U.S. Passport or Consular Report of Birth Abroad. Applicant must submit Form DS-11 and a written request for a file search.	\$150

Submitting incorrect passport fees could delay the processing of your application. For further information regarding passport application fees, please contact the National Passport Information Center by dialing 1-877-487-2778, TDD/TTY: 1-888-874-7793.

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A Prayer For Our Mission Teams

I once read a statement by Martin Lloyd Jones that has challenged my life...

“Continually seek God, but go beyond seeking Him, expect Him,
and when He comes in power, yield to Him.”

With great honor and respect for our Lord and His precious Word, I pray and lay hold of these scriptures for you, the mission team, and for the people God will bring into your life as you walk in faith and obedience to Him.

*For Protection -	Psalm 34:7 Psalm 121:7-8	Psalm 91:9-10
*For Courage -	Isaiah 43:1 Joshua 1:9	Psalm 31:24 Psalm 27:1-5
*For Your Needs -	Phil. 4:19 Luke 22:35	Matthew 6:33
*For His Power -	John 14:12-14 Luke 10:17-19 Mark 16:14-20	John 15:16 Acts 1:8
*For His Glory -	John 15:7-12	

Prayer Considerations

Pray for:

- Those who make up your prayer support group
- Those who God has appointed you to minister to on the field
- Those who make up your financial support team and for your general fund raising
- Your other team members and the necessary unity of the team
- Your field contact, missionary, or local church pastor and for their ministry and their encouragement
- That you may stay close to God so as to hear and learn all He has for you during this project
- Your team leader and the wisdom he needs to make any necessary decisions
- That the whole team, especially yourself, may keep a devotional time as a priority in all the hectic schedules throughout the project

Short – Term Missions Support Raising **The Team Building Approach**

Building a Support Team

Each individual team member will be **responsible for developing his or her own support team**. The support team consists of:

- *Prayer Supporters
- *Encouragers
- *Financial Contributors

The concept is to develop a team, not just to raise funds. The most important need for the team member is for people to pray for him or her, before and during the project.

The Team

The idea of the team is to involve as many people in the mission experience as possible. The team:

- *is a ministry through you to the team (TEAM = goers + prayer support + senders)
- *is a means by which others can share in the blessings of the mission (Phil. 4:17)
- *is a Biblical approach (II Cor. 8:4)
- *is a means by which others become World Christians through giving

You should seek people that you want on your team, not those who you think will give money. Remember, if the prayer support is in place, everything else will fall into place.

Raising Funds

If an individual cannot pay for their trip, the most effective proven method to raise individual funds is to write a letter for distribution to friends, co-workers and church members. Professional fund-raisers for large organizations will tell you that people will give to people they know. Potential contributors are happy to have the opportunity to invest in someone they know personally or an endeavor they care about. God's Word promises us that He will supply our every need.

Prepare the Team List

Not all Flint-Groves Baptist Church members (50% outside our church)

Friends, relatives, Christian contacts, non-Christians that God may open a door to witness to through this process

Write the Letter

You are asking people to support the ministry of Flint-Groves Baptist Church. If you are asking for financial contributions, you are asking them to help with the cost that you will incur by conducting the ministry (transportation, meals while on the field, in-country housing, visa, travel insurance, etc.) A common testimony for team members is that while they were initially put off by the idea of sending support letters, the experience turned out to be a highlight of the entire trip.

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Short – Term Missions Support Raising **The Team Building Approach**

The following guidelines will help you in writing your support letter:

- There are three types of letters:
 - A letter sent out asking for prayer support only (if you are paying your own way)
 - A letter sent out asking for prayer and financial support
 - A letter sent out asking for project support (if you are paying your own way)
- Compose your own letter. It is unwise to copy from a sample letter. **The last thing a donor wants to receive is four copies of the same letter with four different signatures.** People prefer to read a personal letter.
- Include the following information in the letter:
 - 1) Information about the country/culture you are going to
 - 2) Information about the sending organization (the church) and the hosting organization (the agency or national church)
 - 3) Description of what the team will be doing (why the team is doing this particular project)
 - 4) The cost of the trip (the same for each individual team member)
 - 5) You may want to recommend a giving amount (\$25, \$50, \$100)
 - 6) Why you want to be involved on the trip (reasons for going that you feel strongest about)
 - 7) How God called you to go on this trip
 - 8) How you would like the reader to be involved (prayer, financial, both)
 - 9) All checks must be payable to Flint Groves Baptist Church
 - 10) Mail the check to you (the team member)
 - 11) The date you need the money
 - 12) Contributors are **not to write on the memo line of the check**
- Include a response slip for them to send to you.
- Keep the letter brief (one page).
- Include a Flint Groves Baptist Church designated policy slip with every letter.

Send the Letter

Mail the letter, response slip, Flint Groves Baptist Church policy slip, and a self-addressed envelope to the list of potential supporters by the deadline set by the team leader. Flint Groves does not supply postage, envelopes, or copies of letters.

Follow-up

It is the team member's responsibility to keep accurate records of who has supported them and at what amount. **Please send all of your supporters a personal card or note for their gift, support or prayer.** The Missions Department will do a church wide recap of the project after it is completed however, if you have supporters from outside of the church it is a good idea to get a copy of the recap flyer and distribute to them.

SAMPLE SUPPORT LETTER From FBCW

Dear

One of the things I believe we take for granted more than anything else in our lives is the invitation that God has given us, through Jesus Christ, to have a personal relationship with Him. It's sad to say that we even as believers often forfeit our personal time with God for the many details in our day; the same details that we so desperately need Him to work in. Even as I struggle in remaining faithful in my pursuit of God, as always God has remained faithful in pursuing me and reminding me of my desperate need for Him; my need to meet with Him face to face everyday. I cannot help but think as God is calling me even now to a greater intimacy in my relationship with Him, that there are many in this world who have yet to hear the Truth about the Real, True, Living God who created them and who loves them and desires a personal relationship with them. This upcoming June I am blessed with the opportunity to do just that, to take God's Truth with a team of 10 others where it has yet to be taken.

In July of 2001 God blessed me with the opportunity to go to the ends of the earth to the city of Makassar and to a small island called Bone Tambune, which are both located in the island country of Indonesia. Two facts about this country pierced my heart and have filled my prayers ever since. First, is the unbelievable amount of people who have yet to hear the Truth about Jesus Christ. With over 180 million out of their total 210 million inhabitants being Muslim, Indonesia stands alone as the world's largest Islamic nation. In fact, Makassar, Indonesia's major port-city of over 2.5 million people, has no more than 500 known believers in Jesus Christ. But more than anything else, what I found to be most astounding is the fact that there has been little to no response to this great need by those of us that do believe.

This upcoming June 20th – 30th God has blessed me and a team of others with the opportunity and the honor once again of taking His Truth to the people of Indonesia. During our trip we will be working closely with believers in the city of Makassar whose ministry focuses on touching the least of these with the love of Jesus Christ; whether it be street kids, prostitutes, or lepers. Our desire is to come alongside these believers in showing God's love to those who have yet to hear or receive it. One of our other main focuses as a team is to be an encouragement to the believers we are blessed with the opportunity to work with. Daily these believers live as a minority in an area heavily populated by Muslims and often they face the very real fear of extreme persecution for what they believe.

Just as God has pierced and continues to pierce my heart for the great need in Indonesia, I am praying as I send out these letters that God would begin to touch your heart as well, so that you will be included in what God wants to do and is doing in the islands of Indonesia. The first and most important way I want to challenge you to be included is through your prayers. Pray for the continued wisdom, encouragement, focus, and faith of believers in Indonesia. Pray that God would reveal His Truth and soften the hearts of the many unbelievers there. Pray that God would prepare our team to be used and that we will walk away changed. Secondly, if you are able, I challenge you to be included financially. Each person on our team is raising \$2100, by the end of May, to go on this trip, so prayerfully consider how you might be involved in helping send us and God's love to the ends of the earth. I am already looking forward to seeing how God is going to touch many lives including our own through this trip.

Pursuing God,
Tom Creagh

"You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with your whole heart!" – Jeremiah 29:13

(Your Name)



(Please cut this slip and return in the envelope provided ~ Thank you!)

(Type Your Name Here)

_____ I will pray for you.

_____ I will financially support you with a gift of \$ _____

******(You Should Include A Self-Addressed, Stamped Envelope In Each Support Letter You Send)**

All contributions to Flint-Groves missions are non-refundable. To be tax deductible you must:

- 1) Make checks and money orders payable to Flint Groves Baptist Church.
Do **NOT** write a project or individual name on the envelope or check (including the memo line).
- 2) Enclose a note stating which project and/or individual you are supporting. Do **NOT** attach a note to the check.
- 3) Non members (of Flint-Groves Baptist Church) with a single gift over \$250.00 will receive acknowledgement from the church. Other gifts of smaller amounts will be the responsibility of the individual giver to keep track of their tax deduction.
- 4) Mail the check to the individual you are supporting.

IRS regulations prohibit the church finance office from giving you tax credit for donations designated for individuals. Contributions received which designate persons will be deposited, but your annual contribution statement will not be credited.



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SAMPLE FOLLOW UP LETTER from FBCW

Dear

WOW! The week in the Dominican was amazing! God taught me so much through this trip, my team, and the people we ministered to. Through the busy week we had God taught many incredible lessons that I want to share with you. One thing God taught me was that not only are our words a witness about Christ but also our actions. One thing one of my team members stated was, "We witnessed to over 1,000 people and over 200 came to know Jesus. Now that's amazing that we're going to see these 200 people in heaven but what if we saw the whole 1,000 people in heaven because of what we did this week. Now that would be incredible!" Another thing I was taught was brokenness for the lost and those who rejected Christ. When we were talking to people and presented the Gospel and asked them if they wanted to accept Jesus as their Savior and they said no then we asked them why. Most of the time they answered I'm not ready now. Then we explained that if they died that day they would go to hell and that Jesus could save them from that. They said they understood that perfectly but they just weren't ready. Over those people I shed my tears. I just couldn't comprehend why they were rejecting Jesus. Then one of our leaders Davin told me, "You did your job Shannon. You presented them the Gospel in a way that they understood. It's not your job to make a decision for them, only to present the Gospel. It's their choice not yours." One last thing I want to share with you is the boldness God has given. Down in the Dominican I would just go up to random people I saw and just start sharing the Evange Cube with them, but here in the US I can't even share that with people I know. Since I've been back I've noticed that I am bolder to start talking to people about Jesus. The Lord really used me down in the Dominican Republic and from the changes in my life that were brought on by that trip the Lord will use me to impact my school and my community all because you helped support me. From the bottom of my heart I thank you for your financial and prayer support. Without either one of those things this trip would not have been possible. May the Lord bless you and your family for blessing and changing my life! Now, I want to share with you what we did while down in the Dominican.

Saturday—Arrival in the Dominican Republic. **Sunday**—We had church service and a tour of the facilities in the morning and afternoon. At night our big team split into our small teams and went to local churches. My team went to a church where we took the kids out of service and did a Bible club for them. We taught them songs, acted out the story of Samuel, preached the gospel, and made a craft with them. It was fun being able to hang out with kids and just love on them. That night we had 23 kids. **Monday**—My team went back to the church we were at Sunday night. That morning we went door-to-door evangelizing. After lunch we held a Bible Club where the story of Adam & Eve was taught. We had about 175 people; 145 of those being kids. **Tuesday**—This day our team went to a different church in the area. This day was exactly like Monday except we had 350 kids when we were expecting about 50-60 kids. It was amazing to see the kids just keep coming and coming and coming to see what we were doing. We taught Jesus' life story that day and presented the Gospel to the kids. **Wednesday**—Today was different than the other days. In the morning and in the afternoon we went door-to-door and had a Bible Club. At the morning Bible Club we had 80-100 kids and in the afternoon we had 10-15 kids. (That afternoon we went to a richer part of the Dominican Republic.) **Thursday**—That morning we went to a different part of the city we were in Monday and Tuesday. We went door-to-door here and did another Bible Club. Here we taught the story of Creation. We got to play games and do crafts with about 50 kids. That afternoon we got a chance to go to a school and go to 9 different classes and teach the story of Noah's Ark. We probably talked to 150 kids that afternoon. **Friday**—Free day at Catalina Island! We went snorkeling and got a chance to do some shopping. It was a fun day of relaxation after a week of fun work. **Saturday**—Travel home.

~At all the Bible Clubs we taught songs, Bible verses, and made a craft that coincided with each story.~

Please keep the Dominicans and me in your prayers.

Love always in Christ Jesus,
Shannon Johnson

Verses of Encouragement:
1 Timothy 4:12; Colossians 4:2-6;
Romans 8:26; Matthew 28: 19-20;
Galatians 2:20

Short – Term Mission Project Policies

Flint-Groves Baptist Church

A part of the overall mission strategy of our church. The Short-Term Missions Ministry fits inside a larger picture leading people to:

1. Salvation (II Corinthians 5:17-21)
2. Worship (Matthew 22:37)
3. Holiness or Christ-likeness (Leviticus 11:44)
4. Service (Luke 6:46)

What we are trying to accomplish: The making of Colossians 1:28 disciples through our preparation and ministry process, activities and strategies.

1. Here – Our people (Colossians 1:28)
2. There – The focus people (Psalm 67:2-7)
3. As we go – Anyone in between or on either end, wherever we are (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)

Purpose of Short-Term Mission Projects

1. To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ
2. To impact the world through the living testimonies of project participants and through the Word of God
3. To aid and build up the ministry of the local missionary or pastor
4. To develop Great Commission believers
5. To assist FGBC in being obedient to God's command expressed in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19)
6. To assist in the development of long-term, strategic relationships throughout the world

Policies for Short-Term Member Selection

Criteria for team member selection

- * The Team Member Selection Committee for each team shall consist of the Missions Coordinator, Assistant and the Team Leader(s)
- * All team members must have a testimony of salvation through Jesus Christ and be able to verbally express this testimony before the team leaves
- * Team members should be at least 14 years of age unless otherwise approved by the Team Selection Committee. Parental or guardian permission is required for team members who are under 18 years of age
- * Team members must demonstrate willingness to complete the Flint-Groves Baptist Church short-term mission team training as prescribed by the team leader(s) including all deadline dates

Application for the team

- * Team members must complete the Flint-Groves Baptist Church short-term mission team application and submit it to the team leader by the prescribed dates for review by the Team Member Selection Committee
- * The Team Member Selection Committee may require interviews with potential team members in addition to the application
- * Short-term members must agree to and comply with the Flint-Groves Baptist Church Financial Policy (see next section)

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Short – Term Mission Projects Policies

Flint-Groves Baptist Church

Financial Policy for short-term team members

- * Team members are expected to raise 100% of their financial support for the trip. Funding will be completed by the due date set by the team leadership
- * Support shall be raised within and outside Flint-Groves Baptist Church using the methods taught in “Short-Term Mission Support Raising; The Team Building Approach”
- * If the team member’s financial support is channeled through Flint-Groves Baptist Church and he/she raises more than the required support or for any reason cannot participate on the trip, it is the preference of the Missions Department and team leadership to reallocate the funds within the team account.
- * Candidates should make funding deposits through the Team Treasurer, who will also keep a record of each team member’s contributions

Policies for Team Behavior and Attitude

Team members participating on FGBC sponsored short-term trips are reminded that they are ambassadors of Jesus Christ (II Cor. 5:20). As teams go overseas they not only represent Him, but FGBC, our Pastor, the United States and the supporting mission agency. This is a tremendous responsibility. For this reason, the Missions Department of FGBC asks that each team member seek to be above reproach in his/her actions and attitudes.

- * Team members must submit to the team leader’s authority
- * Due to the political instability and anti-American sentiment in various countries around the world, FGBC asks that team members refrain from expressing political opinions while overseas
- * Abstain from the consumption of alcoholic beverages or any use of tobacco or illegal drugs while on the trip
- * The team member must adhere to the behavioral guidelines for each specific team set by the team leadership or missionary agency with a mind toward the culture to which the team is going. This will require a servant attitude toward all nationals and team members, as well as the willingness to learn from the host culture (I Cor. 9:19-23a)

After consultation with the Missions Department, the Team leader reserves the right to ask a problem team member to return home if that team member’s behavior is destructive to the team, the ministry, or the host community. Any additional cost incurred as a result of this action will be at the team member’s expense.

Packing Tips

- 1) Pack light! You will have to carry what you pack. Because we will be taking extra weight with tracts, Bibles, equipment, etc. only one piece of checked luggage is allowed. You will also be permitted to have one carry on bag (regulation size to fit under the seat)
- 2) Tightly secure any items that may come open while traveling. You don't want to wear clothing with the fragrant smell of Pepto-Bismol or shampoo
- 3) Take luggage you don't mind having damaged
- 4) Carry one change of clothes and some toiletries with you in your carry-on luggage. Sometimes luggage is lost and or/delayed
- 5) Take items you won't mind leaving behind if you see a need
- 6) Leave room for souvenirs; otherwise you may be sacrificing your new Reeboks
- 7) Pack enough film and batteries. These are costly in most places and difficult to find in a remote locale

Don't Forget:

- Bible
- Camera (with batteries and film)
- Handy wipes, hand cleaner
- Battery operated alarm clock
- Toiletries: Shampoo, shaving items, toothbrush, toothpaste and floss, tissue packets
- 2 towels and washcloths
- Raincoat or umbrella (optional)
- Snack foods or money for snacks
- Spending money in small bills
- Toilet paper (2 rolls)
- 110V. to 220V. transformer (go to radio shack)
- Bottled water
- Pepto-Bismol or equivalent

Gift Ideas to Share With Your Hosts

For Children:

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| Baseball caps for boys | Jigsaw puzzles and games |
| Hair barrettes and necklaces for girls | Stickers |
| Socks | T-shirts |
| Pencils and pencil sharpeners | |

For House Parents, Pastors and Families, Village Churches, Orphanage Staff

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| Coffee | Razors | Lotion |
| Shampoo | Soap | Calculators (solar, if possible) |
| Stationary | Panty Hose | Pens |
| Band-Aids | Hair Brushes | |

Parent Permission Affidavit Form

In consideration for participating on the following Flint-Groves Baptist Church short-term mission project:

In: _____

I hereby give my son/daughter permission to travel to and from _____ with Flint-Groves Baptist Church and its representatives. I also authorize Flint-Groves Baptist Church or its representatives to initiate any medically necessary care on my son/daughter's behalf in the event of my son/daughter's incapability to present themselves for such care and agree to be financially responsible to any care provider and authorize the release of any necessary medical or insurance related information pertinent to the circumstances.

Signature of Participant

Date

If Minor, Parents or legal Guardians must sign:

State of _____

County of _____

Sign before me and personally appeared _____ on this _____ day of _____, 200__.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

TEAM LEADER RECOMMENDATION

OFFICE USE ONLY

I, the undersigned, do recommend, that the above named person be accepted for the Short Term Ministry Project, as so stated in this form. I do agree to pray for and encourage him/her in every way possible.

Signature of the interviewer:

Team Leader

(print) _____

(signature) _____

Comments: